

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Jeffrey O. Saunders et al.
Application No. : 10/671,967
Confirmation No. : 7271
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For : INHIBITORS OF IMPDH ENZYME
Group Art Unit : 1621
Examiner : Shailendra Kumar

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO JUNE 3, 2008 ADVISORY ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the February 13, 2008 Final Office Action and the June 3, 2008 Advisory Action in the above-identified application.

Applicants responded to the February 13, 2008 Office Action, made Final, and filed a Notice of Appeal on May 12, 2008. In that response, applicants submitted arguments but made no amendments. In the June 3, 2008 Advisory Action, the Examiner refused to enter the amendment and indicated the pending claims were obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103.

Applicants have petitioned concurrently herewith for a five-month extension of time for filing this response (from the July 12, 2008 due of the Appeal Brief) and have authorized payment of the corresponding extension of time fee 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17(a)(5);

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1.136(a)]. With the five-month extension, the deadline for the response is December 12, 2008. Thus, this response is timely filed.

Applicants have concurrently filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), thus, their previous May 12, 2008 Response and this Response should be entered.

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